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Carolyn Kuhn was diagnosed with skin cancer after tanning indoors for years, and now has a message for others **PAGE 3**

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THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT HUGO CHAVEZ SPARKS UNCERTAINTY IN VENEZUELA, BUT VENEZUELAN IN CALGARY SEE THE DEATH AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THE COUNTRY IN A NEW DIRECTION

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AUTHOR AIMS AT HOCKEY 'MORONS'

Todd Millar, former president of Hockey Calgary, is seen at a hockey rink in Signal Hill Saturday. Millar resigned from his post in September after a blog post surfaced in which he called opponents to a ban on pee-wee bodychecking "morons." Now, Millar has penned a book discussing how to root out the attitudes and unruly behaviour he believes are eroding the game he loves. Story, page 4.

CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Post-secondary jobs may face cuts: Minister

Impact. In-school and online programs could be first to go as province struggles with budget deficit

Faculty positions within Alberta's fast-growing post-secondary institutions could be on the chopping block as the province works to overcome a \$4-billion budget gap, says the deputy premier and advanced education minister.

"I think it's very possible certain positions may not be filled or certain jobs may be lost," Thomas Lukaszuk said.

"Ask yourself the question why I'm here and why the universities are there? We're

there to serve the students — we're not here to employ me and we're not here to employ professors."

The province pledged two per cent increases in grant funding to institutions up until 2014 in last year's budget. But the general thinking among student and faculty representatives is the dire fiscal reality will prevent that from happening.

The big question now is how deep the cuts will go, said Duncan Wojtaszek, executive director with the Council of Alberta University Students.

"It is a big concern going forward that the quality of education is going to be sacrificed," he said. "You hear rumours of zero per cent, you hear from the institutions it

could be as bad as five per cent (cuts) — I would say they're just rumours at this point."

Lukaszuk declined to comment on the grant commitment, adding he believes the final number doesn't matter because he'll be introducing a "global budget."

Doug Short, president of the Alberta Colleges and Institutes Faculties Association, said job cuts could impact even professors that keep their jobs, as they would be forced to contend with larger classrooms and a greater workload.

Representatives from the University of Calgary, Mount Royal University and SALT Polytechnic say they will not comment until budget numbers are released.

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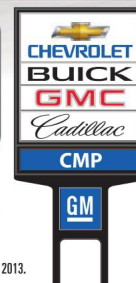


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12 kilograms

Cocaine worth over \$1M seized from N.W. home

Twelve kilograms of cocaine with a street value of more than \$1 million was seized from a Calgary home, according to the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams.

A Calgary man has been charged after the Calgary Combined Special Enforcement Unit, RCMP and members of the Calgary Police Service executed a search warrant at an apartment on Varsity Drive N.W. Michael Banner, 31, is facing charges of two counts each of possession for the purpose of trafficking, and possession of proceeds of crime.

He's expected to appear in court on March 20. **METRO**

Closed session

CTF denied entry to Alberta budget lockup

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation claims that, for the first time in two decades, the province has denied the CTF's request to sit in on the budget lockup.

According to a release from the CTF, Finance Minister Doug Horner told the group Monday that it won't be in the lockup — a closed session that allows stakeholders and media to study the budget before it's released in the afternoon.

"Hiding from critics won't make us go away," said CTF Alberta director Derek Fildebrandt in a statement. The CTF says it has been involved in pre-budget recommendations and the lockup since it was first created in 1990. **METRO**



Carolyn Kuhn and Dr. Laura McLeod spoke out publicly Tuesday, warning Albertans about the dangers of indoor tanning. Inset: One of the advertising posters Alberta Health Services plans to run as part of its campaign. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO; INSET CONTRIBUTED

Ads shed light on perils of fake bakes

Indoor tanning. Association says AHS campaign aimed at young Albertans misrepresents the facts



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Carolyn Kuhn knew the risks associated with indoor tanning but, as a young woman, never expected skin cancer would happen to her.

After tanning indoors

several times a week for five years, Kuhn was diagnosed with melanoma at age 23. Her initial thought was that she was going to die.

"I had insomnia for a good week," she said. "I was just kind of a mess."

Doctors successfully removed the cancerous tissue from Kuhn's ankle, and today, at 26, she is cancer-free.

But the experience changed Kuhn's perspective on tanning, and she hopes her story will prompt others to be more careful.

"You just have to be smart," she said. "Don't go

crazy with it."

Dr. Laura McLeod, a medical officer of health in Calgary, would prefer if "people just didn't go for artificial tanning," but said that's unlikely.

"It's a complex decision, particularly for young people under the impression that artificial tanning might make them more attractive," she said.

McLeod said that's why Alberta Health Services (AHS) is expanding its public-information campaign and targeting young Albertans, in particular.

But Steven Gilroy, execu-

tive director of the Joint Canadian Tanning Association, said AHS is misrepresenting the facts.

"We can't believe Alberta Health Services is getting away with this," he said.

In September, the association published a 56-page document refuting claims on the AHS website, TheBigBurn.ca, which Gilroy said AHS has never responded to.

Gilroy said tanning in salons with professionally trained operators "minimizes the risk" and exposure to simulated sunlight can be healthy when done in moderation.



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Book shines light on minor hockey, morons and all

Must-read. Former Hockey Calgary chief fears for game's future if problems aren't solved

His views left him on thin ice with some, but Todd Millar says he hasn't given up on hockey.

Millar voluntarily resigned as president of Hockey Calgary last September after a blog post surfaced in which he described opponents to a proposed ban on body-checking at the pee-wee level as "morons."

The post had been written months prior, in the middle of a campaign to educate parents ahead of a vote on the possible ban, which was turned down by local club members.

Now, Millar is preparing to release a book titled *Moron: The Behind the Scenes Story of Minor Hockey*.

"I didn't want my message to be lost and I didn't want all my understandings of what transpires in minor hockey and the issues to be lost," he told Metro.

Millar said his book is not

Quoted

"I don't look back with any ill will on the organization or my experience as president."

Todd Millar,
former president of Hockey Calgary

a rant, nor is it an attempt to profit from past dealings. Instead, he intends to provide an internal look at a range of minor-hockey topics, from safety on the ice — yes, body-checking is addressed heavily — to hierarchy and structure, facility costs, changing immigration patterns that have led to declining enrolment, and, perhaps most notably, the misbehaviour of parents.

"For one reason or another, adults seem to lose their mind during certain situations," Millar said. "Reasonably intelligent people seem to misbehave inside the hockey arena."

Millar said his book will come out in the first week of April and be available through Amazon.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO



Ludwig zom Beethoven

Volunteers with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra hit the streets Tuesday dressed as dead composers in zombie form. The goal was to promote the orchestra's Rush Hour concert series, which begins at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Jack Singer Concert Hall.

CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Spring session. Budget talk dominates legislature

Quoted

"Running balanced budgets isn't an issue of being right wing or left wing. It's an issue of being competent or incompetent."

Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith

The spring sitting of the Alberta legislature picked up where the fall sitting left off, with Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith calling Premier Alison Redford's Tories untrustworthy incompetents and Redford labelling the Wildrose ideologically blinkered extremists.

"The fall session ended three months ago with the government under a siege of scandals, ethical lapses and spending blunders, and here we are again," Smith told the house Tuesday in her first series of questions.

She said the Tories' "disregard for fiscal prudence" has led to deficit projections of up to \$6 billion in the 2013-14 budget, to be delivered by Finance Minister Doug Horner on Thursday.

That, said Smith, is despite Redford's campaign promise last year to put Alberta's books back in the black.

"It's no wonder Albertans have lost trust with this government. What big promise will they break next?" she asked.

Smith has called for spending cuts and she pointed to

mixed messages from the premier on whether the budget problems are rooted in spending or revenue.

"How can Albertans have any confidence that the premier can provide a solution if she doesn't even understand the problem?" said Smith.

Redford fired back, saying good government is about more than just slashing budget line items.

"As usual, what we see from the Opposition is extremism and ideology that does not actually understand how to build a government that provides services to Albertans (and) continues to invest in families and communities," said Redford.

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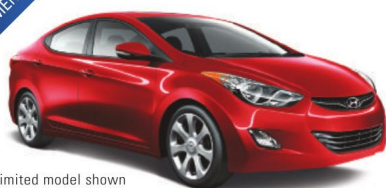
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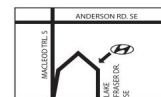
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Reaction. Venezuelans in Calgary see Chavez's death as an opportunity

Venezuelans living in Alberta expressed their respect for the late Hugo Chavez on Tuesday, but many see his passing as an opportunity to take their country in a new and better direction.

"This is a very important and historical moment for Venezuela, because we had elections a few months ago and now we are going back to elections soon," said Maria Esther Fernandez of the Venezuelan-Canadian Association of Calgary.

That election is supposed to happen within 30 days, said Josue Ramirez, who helped organize Venezuelans living in Alberta to vote in last October's presidential election.

Ramirez campaigned for opposition candidate Henrique Capriles in that election, but said he respects Chavez as a genuine, if misguided, political leader.

"Even though I never agreed with his ideology or political ideas, we can tell that he tried to fight for his



Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez died on Tuesday.

GERRY PENNY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

ideals and the success of poor people," Ramirez said. "But he made the wrong decisions. He didn't know how to run a country."

In pitting rich against poor, Chavez "introduced hatred" to the country that didn't exist before, Ramirez said.

Venezuela remains divided, he added, but Chavez's death presents an opportunity for the opposition to regain power.

"There could be a lot of changes in Venezuela," he said. **ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO**

Calgary chefs hope to 'bring it home' in Top Chef Canada



Calgary chefs, from left, Geoff Rogers, Nicole Gomes and Chris Shafter stand in Charcut, owned by Top Chef season 1's Connie DeSousa. **KATIE TURNER/METRO**

3rd season. Popular TV cookoff premieres March 18 on Food Network Canada



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Ahead of the newest season of Top Chef Canada, Calgary chefs Nicole Gomes, Geoff Rogers and Chris Shafter said they were glad to represent a city with a growing food scene.

After a top-three finish in Season 1 for Connie DeSousa and a top-five finish in Season 2

Food scene

"The fact that we had three people representing our town shows a lot of growth."

Chris Shafter, Top Chef Canada competitor

for Xavier Lacaze, Shafter, head chef of the soon-to-be-opened Blondes Diner in Mission, said that they hope to bring the top prize back to Calgary this season.

"We want to bring it home. We want someone from Calgary to win so we can bring that much more credibility to the food scene here," he said.

The three competed alongside 16 chefs from across the country.

"What it really says is that we're on the right track," said Rogers, executive chef at the newly opened MARKET in Calgary. "No longer is it just Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver — Calgary is part of that."

Gomes, originally from Richmond, B.C., said she planned to cook in Calgary for a year. She now owns her own catering business, Nicole Gourmet Catering, and said she wants to show the rest of the country what Calgary has to offer.

"We shouldn't be underestimated at all."

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Music fans can expect Explosions in the Sky this June at Sled Island

Music lovers rejoiced on Monday afternoon as the first wave of musical acts for the 2013 Sled Island were announced.

Among the headliners coming to Calgary are the Jesus and Mary Chain, Explosions in the Sky and Swans, who will make their Calgary debut during the festival.

"I hope you are as excited as we are, because it has been really hard not to talk about (the lineup) for the last few weeks," said Maud Salvi, executive director of Sled Island.

"That should give you all a pretty good idea of how much fun we are all going to have in June."

This annual independent music festival also features films and comedy that can be taken in at multiple venues across the city.

Rena Kozka, singer and guitarist of Gold, was at the announcement on Monday and was excited about the



Maud Salvi, executive director of Sled Island, announces this year's headliners on Monday at the Commonwealth Bar in Calgary. **CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO**

Festival

The Sled Island music festival first kicked off in 2007.

- Former headliners include Feist, The Dudes, Hot Snakes and Girl Talk.

- The festival takes place at various Calgary venues.

CANDICE WARD/METRO

Politicians keep up blitz for Keystone XL

U.S. trips. Minister of natural resources and Sask. premier make their pitches stateside

Less than a week after the U.S. State Department all but dismissed the climate concerns dogging TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline, two high-profile Canadian politicians headed stateside Tuesday to

push once again for approval.

The pitch from Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver contained a nugget of news for his audience as he assured them that long-awaited federal regulations were on the horizon.

"Once the federal regulations are in place, Canada will be one of a very few oil producers in the world with national binding regulations on its oil-and-gas sector," he said in his pitch to the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. The govern-

Sask. appeal

"Why then all the fuss? Why the demonstrations and movie stars chaining themselves to the White House gate?"

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, asserting that Alberta's oilsands contribute only 0.1 per cent to global greenhouse gas emissions.

ment is aiming to have those rules ready by mid-year.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, meanwhile, began a four-day visit to the U.S. capital that includes meetings with several top officials, including the majority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Wall, too, will urge Americans to approve the pipeline. But he'll also tout his province's green initiatives, in particular its recent \$1.4-billion investment in a clean-coal project in Estevan, Sask.

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Federal Minister of Natural Resources Joe Oliver THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Holocaust. Canada chairs remembrance alliance

Canada has assumed chairmanship of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, composed of government officials and experts.

The 31-nation alliance is devoted to fostering and promoting Holocaust education, remembrance and research.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney attended a ceremony in Berlin on Tuesday in which Belgium handed over the chair-

manship to Canada, which will hold it until March 2014.

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Conference will be held in Toronto in October.

"The Holocaust stands alone in the annals of human evil and has important lessons to teach all of us — universal lessons that must not be forgotten," said Kenney.

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Weather. Scorching spring unlikely this year: Expert

The Weather Network says the average winter conditions experienced across the country will give way to a typical spring in the coming weeks.

Director of Meteorology Chris Scott says spring temperatures are expected to hover near seasonal norms in most parts of the country.

Residents of southern Ontario, Quebec and parts of Atlantic Canada may feel a little

more warmth, he said, than their counterparts in the west.

Scott says stable ocean temperatures in the Pacific also suggest average levels of precipitation for most of the country.

This year's forecast stands in stark contrast to the previous spring, when several of Canada's major cities recorded historic highs.

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Breach of duty

Ex-soldier sorry for lethal accident

A retired soldier apologized Tuesday for leading a mine-training accident in Afghanistan that left one colleague dead and four others injured.

"I can't move on. Every day, I relive Feb. 12 (2010)," former warrant officer Paul Ravensdale said during his sentencing hearing on four charges.

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Vancouver

Sex worker tied up, dragged by van

Vancouver police are hunting a man suspected of beating a sex-trade worker who was tied up and dragged by a van.

Police say a woman was picked up and driven to a secluded area. Several 911 callers then reported seeing her dragged down the street before she managed to partially free herself and jump out. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Venezuelan officials call for unity as Chavez dies

Uncertainty follows president's death.

Foreign minister says Vice-President Nicolas Maduro will take over, with elections to be called within 30 days

Some in anguish, some in fear, Venezuelans raced for home and stocked up on food and water Tuesday after the government announced the death of President Hugo Chavez, the larger-than-life firebrand socialist who led the nation for 14 years.

Vice-President Nicolas Maduro's voice broke and tears ran down his face as he appeared on national television to announce that Chavez died "after battling hard against an illness over nearly two years."

He did not say what exactly killed Chavez, although the

government had announced the previous night that a severe new respiratory infection had severely weakened him.

A few hours later, Foreign Minister Elias Jaua affirmed one of Chavez's final wishes: Maduro would be interim president and then be the ruling party's candidate to carry on Chavez's populist "revolution" in elections to be called within 30 days.

It was a day fraught with mixed signals, some foreboding and some violent. Just a few hours before announcing Chavez's death, Maduro made a virulent speech against enemies he claimed were trying to undermine Venezuelan democracy. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Canadian reaction

As Chavez, 58, finally succumbed Tuesday to the cancer that he had been fighting for nearly two years, Prime Minister Stephen Harper spoke out about the death.

- Harper said that he looked forward "to working with (Chavez's) successor and other leaders in the region to build a hemisphere that is more prosperous, secure and democratic."
- The prime minister in a statement said: "I hope the people of Venezuela can now build for themselves a better, brighter future based on the principles of freedom, democracy, human rights." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Pistorius case. Family feud erupts over dad's remarks

A public feud erupted Tuesday within the family of Oscar Pistorius, the double-amputee Olympian charged with murdering his girlfriend, as the runner and his relatives distanced themselves from comments his father reportedly made about guns and crime in South Africa.

South Africa's ruling party, the African National Congress, also waded into the family dispute. A spokesman for the party accused Henke Pistorius, the runner's father, of racism for his observations reported in British newspapers about crime against white South Africans and the suggestion that the ANC government isn't adequately protecting them.

The Pistorius family and the reputation-management firm it has hired are working to head off any negative publicity or controversy that might possibly have a bearing on the outcome of the runner's case. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Supporters of Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez react in downtown Caracas on Tuesday after the country's vice-president announced Chavez's death.

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Baird. Palestinians could face 'consequences' for pursuing Israel at the UN

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird has told a powerful pro-Israel lobby that Palestinians will feel "consequences" from Canada if they pursue the Jewish state at the International Criminal Court.

Baird issued the warning just as the federal government considers whether to end hundreds of millions of dollars in Canadian humanitarian aid to the Palestinians when it expires at the end of this month.

Baird delivered his message to an approving audience Sunday in Washington at the annual conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

Canada strongly opposed the Palestinians' successful effort in November to win elevated status at the UN, and has warned them against using it to file an international legal complaint against Israel.

It has also opposed the Palestinian bid to win membership with the United Na-

Strong words

Baird was asked by a moderator what the consequences might be. He replied:

- "We were very clear from the outset that further actions, like we've seen at UNESCO, like we've seen at the United Nations, particularly at the International Criminal Court will be ones which will not go unnoticed and will have certainly consequences in the conduct of our relations with the Palestinian Authority," said Baird.

tions cultural organization, UNESCO.

Palestinian officials have said they would have no choice but to pursue Israel at the International Criminal Court to halt construction of new settlements in what it claims as its territory.

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Laws. Former drug chiefs urge U.S. to nullify two states' marijuana laws

Eight former U.S. drug chiefs warned the federal government Tuesday that time is running out to nullify Colorado and Washington's new laws legalizing recreational marijuana use, and a United Nations agency also urged challenges to the measures it says violate international treaties.

The former Drug Enforcement Administration chiefs criticized Barack Obama's administration for moving too slowly to file a lawsuit

that would force the states to rescind the legislation. Marijuana is illegal under federal law.

"My fear is that the Justice Department will do what they are doing now: do nothing and say nothing," former DEA administrator Peter Bensinger told The Associated Press in an interview Monday. "If they don't act now, these laws will be fully implemented in a matter of months."

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Former drug chiefs warned the U.S. government to take action on marijuana laws. ED ANDRIESKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S.-led sanctions

North Korea vows to cancel Korean War ceasefire

North Korea vowed Tuesday to cancel the 1953 ceasefire that ended the Korean War, citing a U.S.-led push for punishing UN sanctions over its recent nuclear test and ongoing U.S.-South Korean joint military drills.

Without elaborating, the Korean People's Army Supreme Command warned of "surgical strikes" meant to unify the divided Korean Peninsula and of an indigenous, "precision nuclear striking tool."

The statement came amid reports that Washington and North Korean ally Beijing have approved a draft of a UN Security Council resolution calling for sanctions in response to North Korea's Feb. 12 nuclear test. The draft is expected to be circulated at the UN this week.

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Picking the next pope

Vatican still waiting for 5 cardinals for conclave

The Sistine Chapel closed to visitors on Tuesday and construction work got underway to prepare it for the conclave that will choose the next pope, but five cardinals had yet to arrive for the preparatory meetings designed to acquaint themselves with one another and discuss the state of the church.

The Vatican insisted nothing was amiss and that the five cardinals would be present in the coming days. But their absence prompted questions about what could possibly be more important than participating in these days of discernment and discussion to decide who will succeed Benedict XVI, who retired last week.

Cardinals stressed the importance of these sessions to discuss church issues and to get acquainted as there is no clear front-runner in the election.

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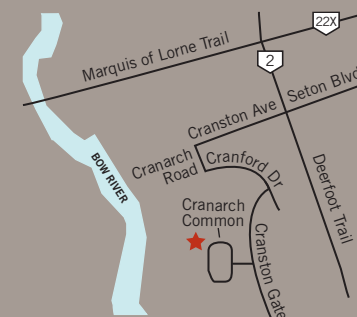
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Target's here, but the price isn't always right

Doubtful discounts.

Shoppers at three new Ontario stores find the savings don't match what's on offer in U.S.

The long-awaited arrival of U.S. discount giant Target means Canadians can get their hands on the famed bull's-eye brand's wares without crossing the border — though the savings here might not equal those down south.

The retail chain, which opened its doors on Tuesday in three communities west of Toronto, has said Canadian customers will likely see a difference in pricing compared to items carried in its U.S. stores, with the company focused on being "competitively priced" with retailers in Canada.

A spokeswoman for Target Canada couldn't say exactly how that will play out on shelves in the newly launched Ontario stores in Guelph, Fergus and Milton or the dozens



Employees welcome the first shoppers who lined up for the new Target store in Guelph, Ont., on Tuesday. The company is expected to open between 125 and 135 locations across Canada. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

more locations the company expects to open across the country.

Pricing depends on a number of factors and it's difficult to give case-by-case examples or even narrow it down to categories of products more likely to warrant higher prices, Lisa Gibson said on Tuesday.

"In certain cases, the prices

will actually be completely on par with U.S. prices and in some cases there might be some differences, but ... our overall goal is to make sure we're competitive with the marketplace," she said, adding the company is also bringing in a five per cent reward program from the U.S.

At the Guelph store, a 2.95-litre bottle of Tide laundry

detergent was priced at \$15.99 on Tuesday, compared with \$11.99 US on Target's American website. The same product was listed for \$15.99 on the Canadian Tire website.

A bottle of Aveeno moisturizer cost \$7.49 at the Guelph store, while the lotion was marked down to \$5.99 US on the U.S. website, down from the regular price of \$6.29. On the Shoppers Drug Mart website, it was priced at \$8.99.

Brian Yarbrough, consumer and industrial analyst with Edward Jones, said the chain should manage to slightly undercut competitors on some items simply because none in Canada can rival its buying power. But he said Target has no reason to match its U.S. prices if consumers are willing to pay more.

"I think they're looking at it as 'OK, what is the standard price like amongst competitors in Canada and that's the range we need to be in, we don't need to worry about how we're priced in the States,'" he said.

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Debit-card fraud drops

Interac Association says Interac debit-card fraud losses as a result of skimming are at their lowest level on record since 2003 — falling to \$38.5 million in 2012 from a high of \$142 million in 2009. Caroline Hubberstey, the head of external communications for Interac Association, says the ongoing conversion to chip technology is a vital tactic in fraud prevention. Unlike a magnetic stripe, she says, chip technology is extremely difficult to copy and reproduce. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Baggage restrictions

WestJet cuts carry-on limit

WestJet plans to reduce how much its passengers carry on, a move the airline says will make its increasingly full Boeing 737s less crowded and help align its baggage rules with those of other airlines.

After April 4, travellers will be allowed only one piece of carry-on luggage and one personal item. The airline had previously allowed two carry-on items and a personal item.

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Marketing faux pas

Kia Provo recalls the Troubles

Kia's new concept car, Provo, is designed to provoke comment. But to many across Ireland, the name sounds too much like a celebration of terrorism. Lawmakers from Northern Ireland formally appealed on Tuesday for the carmaker to junk the name of the sports coupe because "Provo" is the nickname for the dominant branch of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, the Provisional IRA.

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Food safety

China destroys Ikea cake

Chinese authorities have destroyed nearly two tonnes of chocolate cake imported by Ikea for violating food quality standards. The Shanghai quarantine bureau said Kraft cream cheese and 2.7 tons of Nestle chocolate bars also were among dozens of imported products destroyed in its latest round of quality inspections.

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Dow wows. Stock index surges past all-time high

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at a record on Tuesday, beating the previous high it set in October 2007, before the financial crisis and the Great Recession.

The index rose 126 points, or one per cent, to 14,253, beating its previous record by 89 points. In fact, it is up nearly nine per cent this year, capping a remarkable comeback.

The Dow has more than doubled since falling to a low of 6,547 in March 2009 following the financial crisis and the Great Recession. Stocks have rebounded sharply since then with the help of a large dose of stimulus from the Federal Reserve, even as the economic recovery has been slow and steady rather than spectacular.

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Retailer dispute. Martha takes the stand once more

Eight years after Martha Stewart was released from prison for lying about a stock trade, the home diva is now facing another legal mess that may not be easy to clean up.

Stewart, 71, took the stand in New York State Supreme Court on Tuesday morning. She is at the centre of a bitter legal battle between two of America's largest retailers — Macy's Inc. and J.C. Penney Co.

Macy's sued the media and merchandising company Stewart founded for breaching an exclusive contract when she signed a deal with Penney in

December 2011 to open shops at most of its stores this spring.

Macy's, which has sold Martha Stewart products including towels and pots since 2007, is trying to block Penney from selling those products.

The trial is clearly more than a contract dispute. It's a courtroom drama that's unfolding about disloyalty and greed.

Testimony has portrayed Stewart as someone who turned her back on her good friend and Macy's CEO Terry Lundgren so she could enrich her company.

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DO PRICEY JEANS COME WITH DEEP POCKETS?

During a recent trip to Montreal, I found myself engaged in a fascinating discussion with a 30-year-old metrosexual male who was passionately extolling the virtues of the \$450 pair of jeans he wore.

Now, I'm not one to dismiss the importance of personal style and presentation, but if I were Forrest Gump, I'd say, "I've worn lots o' jeans." While I can easily recognize an obvious difference in quality, I saw nothing that great in this particular pair.

I admitted to having owned a few pair of jeans for which I paid too much, even on sale. But I have never found them to improve as much with time as I've been told a good pair should.

Furthermore, \$450 is not the most shocking price tag around.

It seems that even Ye Olde Levi's Shoppe now produces a hand-sewn, heavy-denim product that retails for \$500.

Apparently, these magical pants will create the illusion that



JUST SAYIN'

Mike Benhaim

Guest columnist

even the oddest-shaped individual is actually fit.

Keeping an open mind, I began to pay attention to brand-name jeans, such as Diesel and 7 For All Mankind, that ranged between \$350 and \$900. Yeah, you heard me! And that's nothing.

APO Jeans will sell you a custom product with pockets lined in pure silk, a perfectly polished silver zipper and a real diamond button for \$4,000!

Why do I get the feeling there's a Kardashian behind this somewhere?

People of Earth, I beg you: For the sake of the children, "Stop the madness!"

They're jeans!

Jeans were meant to be comfortable and casual. The coolest ones are faded and frayed at the edges. They've been worn out in all the right places and can be passed on to someone else when your ass grows out of them.

Sure, you should expect to pay more now

than you did in the '80s, but please.

There are plenty of good-quality, excellent-fitting jeans avail-

able for under \$100, and if you think they make you look fat then — you're fat! Work on that instead of putting all the pressure on your clothing.

Now, I can always forgive the feminine whimsy (within reason) if the result is extraordinary, but men: I speak on behalf of guys more and less macho than myself when I suggest finding a pair of jeans that feel good and spending \$20 getting them altered to your liking. That's it.

If your girlfriend wants to play dress-up with you, as some women will do, and buys you a pair of the ol' rhinestone cowgirls, return them for a cheaper pair and buy her a very nice dinner with the change. If you don't, you'll be scheduled the next day for a mani-pedi and full-body manscaping that sounds much nicer than it feels.

Now, I can hardly wait for all the stylish clubgoers I've offended to tweet the cheap out of me, but I ask that the rest of you find this online and tell me where you buy YOUR jeans and how much you pay for them.

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Fossils offer climate clues

Dr. Natalia Rybczynski examines the fossil bones of the High Arctic camel laid out in a lab at the Canadian Museum of Nature.

The fossil evidence consists of about 30 bone fragments, which together form part of a limb bone of a camel. Found on Ellesmere Island, Nunavut, this is the northernmost discovery of camels in the Arctic, about 1,200

kilometres further north than the Yukon camel. The camel lived about three and a half million years ago, when the region supported a boreal-type forest.

Back when this camel was browsing leaves and shoots, the entire global climate averaged about two or three degrees warmer than it is now.

That's about as much a difference as scientists say the Earth can undergo today without catastrophic changes. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



An illustration of the High Arctic camel on Ellesmere Island during the Pliocene warm period, about three and a half million years ago. **HANDOUT**

Clickbait

What was the worst hashtag fail so far? We'll let you be the judge.

#susanalumparty

In November 2012, the PR team behind Britain's Susan Boyle was relentlessly mocked for their use of the 'susanalumparty' hashtag.

#RIMjobs

In what will likely stand as the greatest Canadian hashtag fail, the company formerly known as Research in Motion chose to court prospective employees via the 'RIMjobs' hashtag.

#McDstories

Last year, McDonald's asked its customers to share memories of dining at the fast-food joint via a 'McDstories' hashtag. Sooner than you could say 'happy meal,' the tag was flooded with accounts of finding finger-

nails in Big Macs and other sordid stories.

#Rogers1Number

In another Canadian example, Rogers paid Twitter to keep the 'Rogers1Number' tag atop the site's list of trending topics last March. Of course, the hashtag allowed customers to publicize their complaints about poor service and perceived price-gouging.

#Hobbitch

Earlier this year, a Swiss company used the 'Hobbitch' hashtag to promote the latest installment in the Lord of the Rings movie franchise. It's a case of lost in translation, as .ch is the official domain name for Switzerland.

Letters

Re: Horsemeat big business in Alberta, published March 4.

The article indicates that only horses at their end of life are slaughtered.

This is not true! MANY YOUNG HEALTHY horses are slaughtered because the owners either don't know the possible outcome of taking their horse to an auction, or don't care.

There are also some irresponsible (using nice language here) horse breeders who purposely 'over breed'. They keep what they consider the cream of the crop and send the rest to auction.

Pat Rollock, Calgary

What is wrong with the world today? Can we not draw a line on which animals we will 'slaughter' and consume?

I am confused by the poll and growing acceptance of Canadians to consume horsemeat. Would you stand by and allow your cats and dogs to be slaughtered and then be eaten?

Ruth S., Whitby, Ont.

I was shocked by the article on horse meat. The reporter did not do enough research, the facts are that bute has been found in horsemeat often and it causes cancer in humans.

Cindy Cardy, London, Ont.

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A century of Oz-inspired entertainment



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When New Girl star Zooey Deschanel was two years old she watched *The Wizard of Oz* every day. "I had a hard time understanding that I couldn't go into the film," she said, "because it felt so real to me."

She's not alone. It is one of the most watched and universally adored Hollywood films ever.

This weekend Disney hopes to add to the legacy of the original film with *Oz the Great and Powerful*, a Sam Raimi directed prequel starring James Franco and Mila Kunis. Ever wondered why the wicked witch was so wicked? Or how the wizard became the wizard? With a click of its ruby slippers this movie fills in the blanks. It's not the first movie to try and woo an audience based on *Oz* and its citizens.

1910's *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* was the first Baum book to hit the screen. Almost seven decades later, two very different musicals were inspired by the *Oz* folks.

20th Century *Oz* is a 1976 Australian rock musical that reimagines the classic story set in 1970s Australia. Two years later director Sidney Lumet adapted the Broadway hit *The Wiz* for the screen, casting Motown superstars Diana Ross as Dorothy and Michael Jackson as The Scarecrow. Although it was, at the time, the most expensive film musical ever made, it wasn't a hit in theatres.



This film image released by Disney Enterprises shows James Franco as Oz, left, and the character Finley, voiced by Zach Braff, in a scene from *Oz the Great and Powerful*. DISNEY ENTERPRISES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oz prequel brings Braff back to a 'magical place'

Oz the Great and Powerful. Director Sam Raimi 'at his finest' says the former *Scrubs* star

RICHARD CROUSE
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Years ago I asked one of the original *Wizard of Oz* munchkins to explain the movie's enduring appeal.

"Everybody can enjoy it," said Karl Slover who was just two feet tall when he played the first trumpeter. "There's no filthy language in it. I don't see no bikinis! No nudist colonies! Kids can watch it and parents don't have to worry because there's nothing bad in

there."

I recently asked Zach Braff the same question in an interview to promote *Oz the Great and Powerful*, a prequel to the most beloved movie of all time.

"It reminds us of our childhood," says the former *Scrubs* star, "and it reminds us of this magical place where crazy things happen. It is innocent and it is pure and it is amazing that it holds up. It was made in 1939, most kids don't see other movies made in 1939."

The new flick, co-starring James Franco, Mila Kunis, Rachel Weisz and Michelle Williams, is a state-of-the-art film, but it's something that has been gestating for some time.

"I heard that Walt Disney always wanted to make an *Oz*

movie," he says. "There's 13 books, so why not go back to that world and tell it from a 2013 perspective."

The new film echoes the original, starting with black and white scenes shot in Kansas before moving to the eye-popping fantasy world of *Oz*. The movie's modern twist is the addition of high tech tricks to make your eyes and ears dance. Braff calls the film's visual and audio tweaks — increasing the depth of the 3D and adding in surround sound for the *Oz* scenes, for example — "Sam Raimi at his finest."

Raimi, the director behind the *Evil*

Dead movies and a little franchise called *Spider-Man*, was the big reason Braff signed on to the project.

"I heard Sam wanted to meet me in his office. That's a good call to get."

Braff, who made his directorial debut on the 2004 indie film *Garden State*, calls Raimi a "wonderful mentor who let me watch this whole process." Even on his days off the actor would go to the set to learn about big budget filmmaking from watching the old pro work on *Oz*'s enormous sets.

"Sam's the biggest mensch on earth. The guy's a saint. He's too good to be true."



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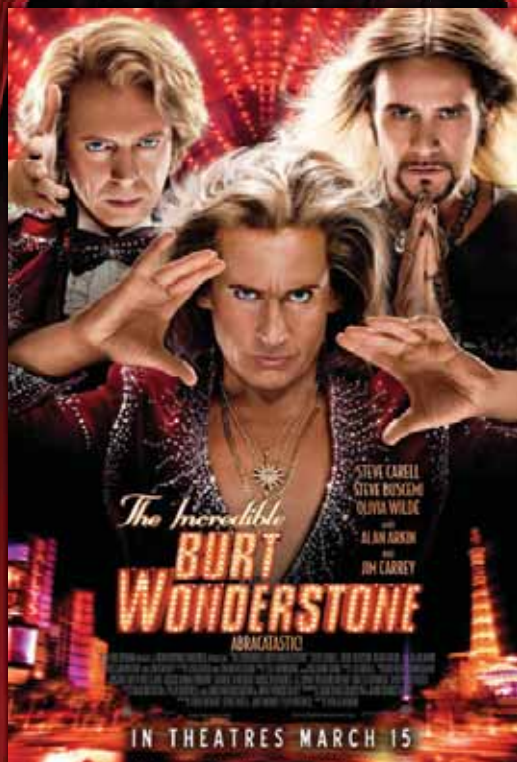
As the cardinals arrive in Vatican City to find a new pope to replace the recently resigned Benedict XVI, we caught up with God, a.k.a. David Javerbaum, the 11-time Emmy winning comedian who runs the popular @TheTweetOfGod Twitter account and author of *The Last Testament: A Memoir* by God.

Popes don't resign — has ex-Benedict incurred your wrath by doing this or did you fire him?

I'm not angry. In the end it came down to "creative differences," in that I am infinitely creative and he is different.

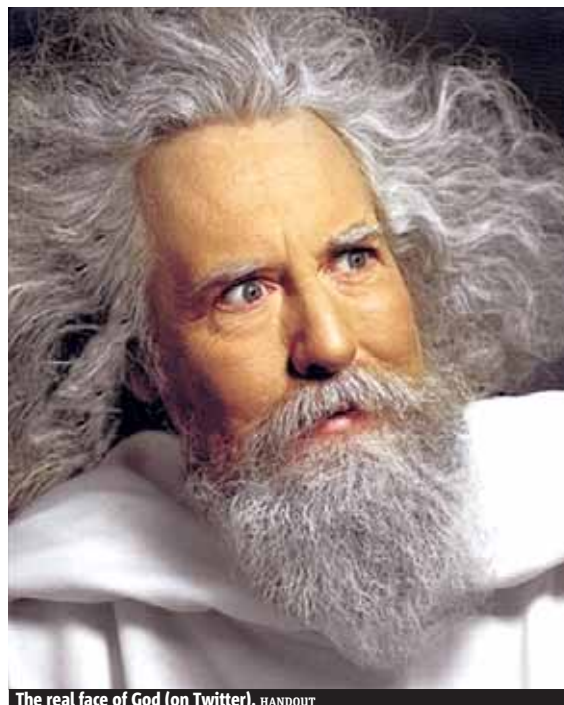
In his final speech he said at tough times "it seemed the Lord was sleeping." Were you

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The real face of God (on Twitter). HANDOUT

ducking his calls?

No, he was right. I was sleeping. It was the seventh day of the week. How does he not know what I do on the seventh day? #genesis1bennyboy

What score would you give his reign?

I'd give it a IV out of X.

Are you concerned about the vacuum now he's gone? Who will you speak through on Earth now?

I will continue to speak through the mentally ill and/or con men, and by "and" I mean conservative Republicans.

How is recruitment for a replacement going — and who would be your ultimate fantasy pope?

No comment on who the new

Pope might be. Obviously My fantasy would be 'Poprah'. But she won't return My calls.

The pope had a strong social media game — how will you bring the Vatican more in line with the digital era?

It's pretty hard to bring the "digital era" to a place where, as the names of the Pope indicate, they don't even have digits.

Will you be reclaiming the Popemobile?

Not reclaiming, but fixing up. I'm giving it racing stripes, lowriders, and an engine that runs on holy water and Jesus-body.

Off topic but who are you most keen to send to hell?

My bill collector. Satan owes me 500 years' back rent.

Twitter

Our favourite fake accounts

Fake Twitter accounts have been around since the birth of Twitter — way back in 2010, an Abe "Barney Miller" Vigoda imposter used the service to deny reports of his death ("Hamsters are cute and fuzzy. I'm alive!!"). Our interview with The Tweet of God (@thetweetofgod) got us thinking about the best ones.

Michael Haneke

@Michael_Haneke
The Austrian Oscar winner (*Amour*) is known for his severe films that feature torture, shocking deaths and Nazi themes (he rarely smiles in photos either). So of course he'd tweet about his "stinky" cat, ending every missive with an "lol." **Sample tweet:** well dun 2 argo!! @adamsandler can i has my magic remote contrl bak? i need it 4 sumthing quik lol

Zooley Asks Siri

@ZooleySiri
She's a dork. She's adorable. She's adorkable! Zooley Deschanel is the perfect target, then, for this account, which imagines her hipster musings, spoken to Siri, just like in the Apple commercial. **Sample tweets:** Siri, do windows ever feel bashful? Siri, what if hairs don't want to be cut? Siri, since I've never seen a koala bear, how do I know they exist?

Miguel Bloombito

@ElBloombito
New York's Mayor Michael Bloomberg often throws a little Spanish into news conferences. Unfortunately, he cannot speak Spanish. **Sample tweet:** Cuidado! El snow-ado que fallingo y makero el calle muy slipperryo. Necesito los skis! **METRO**

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What's going on with Kim's maternity wardrobe?



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As a woman who has grown a baby in her uterus, I know how hard it is to find good maternity clothing. So I can relate to Kim Kardashian's problem of finding a flattering pregnancy wardrobe. But I'm not sure why she's continuing to dress like she isn't pregnant.

I'm guessing her fashion-plate boyfriend, Kanye West, has something to do with it. So it is my hope he looks at her recent attempts

and is like, "Yo, honey. Here are some stretch pants from the Gap and a nice wrap dress. We can pick this whole 'high fashion' stuff up at a later date."

Case in point: as soon as Kardashian started to show, she decided to don this mesh-leather-feather-pants ensemble that made her resemble a motorcycle-riding ostrich. Then she wore this ill-fitting white ensemble on Saturday in Beverly Hills, which is made for a much taller, much less knocked-up person.

I'm not saying you can't look nice while pregnant (look at Kate Middleton, who is sticking to basic, bump-flattering outfits, like this lovely jacket from British high-street brand Hobbs she wore yesterday while in Grimsby, England). I'm just saying you should probably leave the high fashion at home.

Swift: Back it up, people

Taylor Swift has some news for everyone keeping track of her love life. "If you want some big revelation, since 2010 I have dated exactly two people," she tells Vanity Fair, referring to high schooler Conor Kennedy and One Direction member Harry Styles. "The fact that there are slide shows of a dozen guys that I either hugged on a red carpet or met for lunch or wrote a song with, it's just kind of ridiculous." But she doesn't let all the talk get to her. "One of these things I say to myself to calm myself down when I feel like it's all too much ... if there's a pregnancy rumour, people will find out it's not true when you wind up not pregnant," she says.



Taylor Swift

Bieber booted in London

Justin Bieber's troublesome stay in London continued this week when he got a late start at his first show at the O2 Arena, courting boos from an angry, impatient audience, according to the BBC. "Last night I was scheduled after three opening acts to go on stage at 9:35, not 8:30, but because of some technical issues I got on at 10:10, so I was 40 minutes late to [the] stage. There is no excuse for that and I apologize for anyone we upset," he tweeted.



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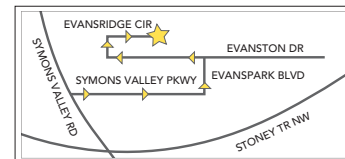
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If you are Cuba-bound this March Break, a day trip to Havana is a must. For a true taste of this time-warped capital, be sure to visit these must-see spots.



ON THE MOVE
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Take a vintage car ride

The country is home to approximately 60,000 classic American automobiles that industrious Cubans have kept running since the 1959 revolution. Although a very walkable city, an hour long tour is a great way to get oriented. Ask the driver to cruise along the Malecon, an eight kilometre boulevard stretching alongside the Atlantic Ocean. Either arrange in advance through Gran Car or find a driver in Parque Central.

5

Hot spots in Havana

Hang out in Parque Central

The buzz created by masses of Cubans and tourists passing through the park is infectious. The building housing the Cuban National Ballet is stunning. And no visit is complete without a photo in front of the Capitolio Nacional. It was completed in 1929 as a tribute to its sister building in Washington, D.C.



Soak up the atmosphere of a retro hotel

Built on a hill above the Malecon, the grand Hotel Nacional's 1930s tiled lobby and colonnaded veranda looking out to the sea is right out of a movie. The heart of Old Havana is sprinkled with smaller hotels, like Hotel Raquel, which have painstakingly restored their interior courtyards into an oasis of luxury. All are worth a peek.



Get a glimpse of glory at Plaza Vieja

Check out the Plaza Vieja. It has been undergoing a decade-long restoration and gives a glimpse of what Havana could look like if returned to its former glory. Make sure you also wander the narrow, congested, delightfully intriguing, cobbled surrounding streets of the old city. The UNESCO World Heritage site contains almost 1,000 buildings of historic importance.



Try a mojito, a la Hemingway

El Floridita and La Bodeguita del Medio are the two most famous ones, largely due to their affiliation with author Ernest Hemingway. Word is he preferred the daiquiris at the former and mojitos at the later. I tried both and agree. In addition to pouring over the throwback decor, the frequent appearance of live bands gives an opportunity for a taste of the vibrant Cuban music.



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Go wild. Taking a cruise on The Star is a great way to see some of the more untamed regions in Costa Rica

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I learned a neat trick from a Howler monkey in Costa Rica. I was walking along a nature trail in Golfito National Park when the mosquitoes decided to attack. Although I had sunscreen on, I forgot to apply bug spray.

I noticed a monkey in the trees rubbing her arms with leaves and asked my trail guide what she was doing. He said she was coating her skin with

the Piper plant. It has a citrus-like scent that the mosquitoes dislike. Clever monkey, I'll keep that in mind.

There are many fascinating wonders in the rainforest, which is why so many travellers visit this untamed destination.

During this nature walk, hummingbirds that were the size of baseballs whizzed past my head and gigantic butterflies floated innocently from fern to flower. Huge bamboo trees towered over us and delicate pink orchids were tempting to pluck.

After we reached the magnificent waterfall that was our goal and reward, we emerged from the jungle to see four yellow-breasted toucans perched in the treetops and then dive-bomb into the bushes.

It's best to explore designated trails with a guide.

Just don't be surprised if he's carrying a machete. Let him lead the way in case he sees a snake.

To visit Golfito, I sailed with Windstar Cruises on one of their three motorized sailing yachts, called the Star. Since their ships can sail under wind power most of the time thanks to their huge masts, I thought this kind of cruise was much more appropriate for such an environmentally-sensitive region.

There are only 150 passengers on board the Star and the ship's small size makes off-beat ports easily accessible. Passengers also get to know each other well and it gave us all the feeling of being explorers like Columbus or Drake.

As well as Golfito, we sailed to San Blas, Panama — accessible thanks to the famous canal for being a 80-kilometre shortcut to the Pacific Ocean. This engineering marvel takes about 10 hours to pass through.

San Blas is a chain of about 400 islands inhabited by the Kuna Indians who have governed the province since the 1920s. Their distinctive dress, music and dance make you feel like you just stepped into the pages of National Geographic.

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Seeds of hope. Could fast-growing coral help save the Caribbean's reefs?

Mats of algae and seaweed have shrouded the once thick coral in shallow reefs off Jamaica's north coast. Warm ocean waters have bleached out the coral, and in a cascade of ecological decline, the sea urchins and plant-eating reef fish have mostly vanished, replaced by snails and worms that bore through coral skeletons.

Now, off the shores of Jamaica, as well as in Caribbean islands from Bonaire to St. Croix, conservationists are planting fast-growing coral species to try and turn things around by "seeding" reefs. The strategy has doubters, with one expert joking that prayer might be as effective, but conservationists say the problem is so catastrophic that inaction is not an option. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, live coral coverage on Caribbean reefs is down to an average of just eight per cent, from 50 per cent in the 1970s.

Lenford Dacosta grew up in the north Jamaican fishing village of Oracabessa Bay and spear-fished the waters for most of his 46 years. Now he is part of a crew that tends to a small coral nursery in a fish sanctuary, hoping to revitalize the reef that sustained his village, whose shoreline is now dominated by ritzy resorts.

"I used to think that children would only hear about coral reefs and fish in books," said Dacosta, expressing hope that his work will yield fruit.

Seascope Caribbean, the fledgling company that employs Dacosta and touts itself as the region's first and only private coral restoration business, uses low-tech coral nurseries consisting of buoys and weights with small fragments of staghorn coral suspended from them on strings. The fragments grow on the strings until bits of tannish coral with the beginnings of antler-like branches are ready to be planted onto reefs. Other specialists grow coral fragments on concrete pedestals placed on the seabed.

Advocates say the reef restoration work, focused on the region's fast-growing but threatened staghorn and elkhorn coral species, can boost rates of recovery and improve the outlook for coral. The efforts will never resurrect the vibrant reefs of 50 years ago, they acknowledge, but they believe they can help preserve some of a reef's functionality and beauty.

"Coral cover is getting a little better here and I believe it will keep improving in the garden areas," said Andrew Ross, a Canadian marine biologist and entrepreneur



Coral reef restoration program in the Dominican Republic. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Reefs around the world are in serious decline. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

who founded Seascope Caribbean.

Reef-building coral is a tiny polyp-like animal that builds a calcium-carbonate shell around itself and survives in a symbiotic relationship with certain types of algae. Its reefs serve as vital spawning and feeding grounds for numerous marine creatures. It comes in some 1,500 known species, ranging from soft, undulating fans to those with hard

skeletons that form reef bases.

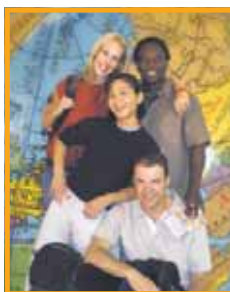
But across the globe, reefs that have proven resilient for thousands of years are in serious decline, degraded by overfishing, pollution, coastal development and warming ocean waters. And threats to coral are only expected to intensify as a result of climate change and ocean acidification due to greenhouse gases.

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Reefs in real trouble

The stakes couldn't be higher along the Caribbean Sea, which has nearly 20,720 square kilometres of coral reefs. The tropical islands' iconic reefs protect fragile coastlines by absorbing energy from waves during hurricanes and normal conditions. Financially, the Caribbean has a multibillion-dollar beach

tourism and commercial fishing economy. In Jamaica alone, reef fisheries support up to 20,000 fishermen. Caribbean coral has deteriorated so badly in recent decades that a new report from a team of international scientists says that the rocky structures of the reefs are on the threshold of gradual erosion.



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3. Spray skillet with cooking oil and place over high heat. Cook steak until done to your preference, approx. 5 mins. Cool before cutting into thin slices. Add to the veg mix.
4. Combine mayo, sour cream and horseradish. Spread over both sides of rolls. Divide fill-

Ingredients

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 cups sliced onions
- 2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 2 tsp brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt and pepper
- 1 cup each sliced red and green bell pepper
- 8 oz grilling steak
- 2 tbsp low-fat mayo
- 3 tbsp low-fat sour cream
- 2 tsp horseradish
- 4 small wholegrain rolls
- 3/4 cup grated provolone

ing among rolls, sprinkle with cheese and replace top half of bun. Place on prepared bak-

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1. Heat the oven to broil. Set a wire rack over a rimmed baking sheet. Coat the rack with cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the olive oil and vinegar. Add the arugula, then use your hands to toss well, ensuring all of the arugula is coated with the dressing. Season with salt and pepper, then set aside.
3. In bowl mix ricotta, thyme and lemon juice. Set aside.
4. Slice each tomato into 6 thin slices. Arrange the slices on the prepared wire rack, then season them with salt and pepper. Set them on the oven's centre rack and broil until lightly browned, about 4 to 6 minutes.
5. Meanwhile, cut the ba-

quette into two 6-inch lengths, then slice each one in half lengthwise. Place in the oven, cut side up, and toast for just a minute or two, just long enough to warm and lightly brown.

6. When bread and tomatoes are done, top each piece of baguette with a quarter of the ricotta, then arrange 3 tomato slices over each. Top

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 cups arugula
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 2 large slicing tomatoes
- 12-inch baguette
- 12 oil-packed anchovies

each with a quarter of arugula and 3 anchovies. Eat immediately.

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Formal interview attire is preferred by one-third of CIOs

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When it comes to information technology interviews, interviewees can never be too formal.

Students and recent grads looking to become IT professionals may want to trade in their casual interview attire for something more suitable: a suit. The statistics don't lie; in a recent Robert Half Technology survey, 33 per cent of CIOs said a suit was the most appropriate attire for someone interviewing for an IT job. Additionally, 29 per cent favoured tailored separates, while another 29 per cent prefer khakis and collared shirts.

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this means saving those stilts for the club, not the office.

Don't overlook the small things

Make sure your shoes match your belt (or purse), and never, ever wear white socks! Ensure you are wrinkle and stain-free, well groomed and clean. If you are unsure, ask a professional

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Everything in moderation

Choose one "thing" that interviewers can remember you by, like a bow in your hair or a uniquely-coloured dress shirt, but ultimately, the interview is about your qualities and skills, not your fashion sense. Remember to avoid overwhelming perfumes/colognes, excessive or inappropriately-coloured make-up and distracting jewelry.

Shut it off!

This is an obvious step that is often forgotten, is often an immediate deal-breaker. Skip the silent setting and turn your phone off when you have interviews. Be

Dressing on a dime

As a student or recent grad, how does one go about purchasing such expensive interview accessories?

- Personally, as a student, I am on a tight budget when it comes to pretty much everything. Due to this I have had to search far and wide to find interview clothing at reasonable prices. Some popular methods include outlet stores, coupons and customer reward programs, shopping during the off-season and hitting up thrift stores.

- Of these suggestions, my

favourites are shopping the off-season and thrifting. End of season sales are excellent for discovering cheap but new items that you can either save for the next year or wear immediately. Interviews in March are perfect because you can buy end-of-winter items and use them for a month before it gets too warm.

- If you want even cheaper clothing you can visit liquidation sales or thrift stores. Some of my favourites include the Salvation Army, Talize and Value Village.

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For those aspiring to work in the technology industry, working in Silicon Valley is a dream.

Brad Menezes, who graduated from the University of Toronto's mechanical engineering program in 2012, was once one such aspirant.

Today, he's working for the uber-popular website, Yelp. How did he manage it?

What's your role at Yelp and how did you get there?

I'm a product manager. I got to Yelp in the most round-about way possible. Got an intro to the recruiter. Two phone interviews. One design test. Five in-person interviews, including one with the CEO.

All interviews went well, but



I still got rejected.

They said they'd never hired a new graduate as a product manager and it was risky.

I convinced them to place a bet on me and let me intern instead. While interning, they promoted me to a full-time position. So in short, it took a little perseverance and a lot of luck.

What have your top three life experiences been, and how can you relate those experiences to your career?

I'll give you one experience that repeated in many forms throughout the past years: failure.

I brought on a team for Nspire — a non-profit organiza-

tion dedicated to fostering the next generation of leaders in business and technology — and a bunch of people quit. I went to a bunch of interviews to become a PM, got rejected from all of them. I had a startup, it tanked.

This is very important because after a while you can look back and realize that the missteps or mistakes were all necessary to move forward.

What skills and experiences would you recommend for students to develop while in school?

If you want to succeed in the tech industry, make sure the majority of your time is spent learning hard skills, primarily engineering, design, and/or product. The best way to do this is to build something yourself or with friends. Soft skills are very important in certain roles (project management being one of them), but there is still no substitute for good hard skills.

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The jury is still out on Feaster's tenure



THE HOCKEY NEWS
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Because of my Calgary roots, I tend to follow the Flames a little more closely than the other 29 NHL teams. I'm careful not to let that fact cloud my evaluation of the organization, but this decade-long marinade in mediocrity has made critical analysis fairly straightforward.

So what's up with this Ryan O'Reilly escapade and the handling of it by GM Jay Feaster? In the short term, no harm was done because when Colorado matched Calgary's offer to the 22-year-old centre, it made the waiver boondoggle a moot point. In the long term, does the Flames organization lose credibility in the eyes of the players? Not just the ones in Calgary, but the UFAs the Flames will attempt to sign this summer?

Now in his third season at the helm, Feaster has made some progressive moves to improve the product. He has placed a greater emphasis on scouting and his free-agent signings have been mostly successful, but his trading record has been rather ordinary.

Bottom line is how this team stacks up against the competition. Right now, that answer is not so good.

We're now at the point where this is no longer deposed GM Darryl Sutter's mess. This is Feaster's team, almost right through to the bone, including the coaching



Calgary Flames forward Lee Stempniak chases down a puck with Chris Summers of the Phoenix Coyotes in hot pursuit at Scotiabank Saddledome on Feb. 24. Stempniak was acquired by GM Jay Feaster, who is in his third season at the helm of the Flames. DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES

Wouldn't bet on them

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staff. Of the 20 players in Calgary's latest lineup, 15 were acquired, re-signed or drafted by Feaster. The only five players Feaster inherited with contracts or because they were in the system are Jarome Iginla, Mark Giordano, T.J. Brodie, Jay Bouwmeester and Matt Stajan. The latter two are hav-

ing better-than-expected seasons while the first three are important minute-munchers.

So does that mean Feaster's moves to secure the other 15 are the reason why this team is languishing at .500 or worse? The simple answer is yes. But where would this team be without the solid per-

formances of Jiri Hudler, Lee Stempniak and others? Are they underachieving in the eyes of Feaster? Or is it simply due to injuries to Miikka Kiprusoff and Mikael Backlund?

That's something Feaster's bosses will have to determine after the season.

Personally, I think Feaster is on the right track, but I wonder openly if he's being told from higher authorities not to trade certain face-of-the-franchise players when it makes complete business sense to do so in a .500 world.

NHL

Blackhawks win 10th straight to set franchise record

The Chicago Blackhawks set a franchise record on Tuesday with their 10th consecutive victory and extended their points streak to 29 games with a 5-3 win against the Minnesota Wild.

Bryan Bickell scored twice in the first period and Patrick Kane added a big goal in the third as Chicago (20-0-3) remained the only team in the NHL without a regulation loss. It also snapped a tie with the 1977-78 Montreal Canadiens for the second-longest points streak in league history.

Ryan Suter scored his first goal with Minnesota, sending a power-play slap shot past a screened Corey Crawford in the third period. Kyle Brodziak then poked his own rebound to get the Wild within one at 10:32. But Kane beat Darcy Kuemper just 61 seconds later. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Cycling

Calgary to anchor Tour of Alberta

Eleven communities will play host to the inaugural Tour of Alberta cycling race this year.

The 850-kilometre stage race will begin on Sept. 3 in Edmonton and finish five days later in Calgary.

The other communities slated to host starts and finishes during the event are Strathcona County, Camrose, Devon, Red Deer, Strathmore, Drumheller, Black Diamond, Canmore and Okotoks.

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Alberta skip Kevin Martin leaves the ice surface after losing to New Brunswick on Tuesday at Rexall Place.

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Early exit seems likely for Martin

Curling. At 2-4, hometown favourite's playoff hopes seem dim

The hometown team is in real danger of not making the playoffs at the Canadian men's curling championship. Alberta's Kevin Martin, one of the three pre-tournament favourites at the Tim Hortons Brier, suffered a fourth defeat Tuesday afternoon.

A 6-5 loss to New Brunswick's James Grattan put the Olympic and four-time Canadian champion in an precarious position with three days remaining in the round robin.

"It's just been a disaster," Alberta third John Morris said.

Although Alberta recovered to thrash Nova Scotia 9-3 on Tuesday night, Martin has zero wiggle room with a 2-4 record.

The top four teams at the

conclusion of the preliminary round Friday get into the Page playoff. Ties for fourth will be solved by tiebreaker games.

Brad Gushue of Newfoundland and Labrador and defending champion Glenn Howard of Ontario topped the standings at 6-0 ahead of Quebec's Jean-Michel Menard and Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton together at 5-1.

"I don't want to say we can afford a couple of losses, but if they do happen, it's not the end of the world," Gushue said. "It's going to allow us to go a little more relaxed into the last couple of games, hopefully not too relaxed."

Howard beat Brad Jacobs 8-2, which was a second straight loss for Northern Ontario at 4-2.

"Ecstatic, the fact that we've gone 6-0," Howard said. "Even better is the fact my guys are making everything."

Grattan and Jamie Koe of the Territories were 3-3 followed by

Outlook grim

The hosts must win out and will likely need losses from other teams to continue playing into the weekend. When asked what he believed his playoff chances were following the loss to New Brunswick, Kevin Martin blurted out "Dead."

Alberta and Saskatchewan's Brock Virtue at 2-4. Nova Scotia's Paul Flemming, B.C.'s Andrew Bilesky and Prince Edward Island's Eddie MacKenzie were winless in six games.

Martin, Howard and Stoughton are considered the three heavyweights at this Brier. Martin's team out of the Edmonton Saville Centre finishes the round robin Friday night against defending champion Howard.

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NHL

Bounces go Wings' way vs. Avalanche

Niklas Kronwall scored in the second period thanks to a fluky bounce, and the Detroit Red Wings held on to beat the Colorado Avalanche 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Detroit opened the scoring with 13:00 to go in the second on a breakaway

goal by Johan Franzen, and Kronwall added to the lead when his shot from the point went wide, bounced back off the boards and went in off the right skate of goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere.

The Red Wings needed that second goal, because Colorado's Paul Stastny spoiled Jimmy Howard's bid for a shutout when he scored with 1:30 to play in the third. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard makes a save on Tuesday night in Detroit. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	44	14	.759	—
Indiana	38	22	.633	7
New York	36	21	.632	7 1/2
Chicago	34	26	.567	11
Brooklyn	34	26	.567	11
Atlanta	33	26	.559	11 1/2
Boston	32	27	.542	12 1/2
Milwaukee	30	28	.517	14
Philadelphia	23	36	.390	21 1/2
Toronto	23	38	.377	22 1/2
Detroit	23	39	.371	23
Cleveland	20	40	.333	25
Washington	19	39	.328	25
Orlando	17	44	.279	28 1/2
Charlotte	13	47	.217	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	47	14	.770	—
Oklahoma City	43	16	.729	3
L.A. Clippers	43	19	.694	4 1/2
Memphis	39	19	.672	6 1/2
Denver	39	22	.639	8
Golden State	34	27	.557	13
Houston	33	28	.541	14
Utah	32	28	.533	14 1/2
L.A. Lakers	30	30	.500	16 1/2
Portland	28	31	.475	18
Dallas	26	33	.441	20
Minnesota	20	37	.351	25
Phoenix	21	39	.350	25 1/2
New Orleans	21	40	.344	26
Sacramento	21	40	.344	26

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Boston 109 Philadelphia 101
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City
Denver at Sacramento

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern

Utah at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
New York at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Chicago at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	23	15	8	0	81	67	30
New Jersey	23	10	8	5	56	65	25
NY Rangers	21	11	8	2	55	53	24
Philadelphia	24	11	12	1	68	72	23
NY Islanders	23	10	11	2	70	78	22

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	23	14	5	4	71	59	32
Boston	20	14	3	3	60	46	31
Toronto	23	14	9	0	68	57	28
Ottawa	23	12	7	4	52	44	28
Buffalo	24	9	13	2	63	77	20

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	22	13	8	1	67	62	27
Winnipeg	22	10	11	1	56	68	21
Tampa Bay	23	10	12	1	81	73	21
Washington	21	9	11	1	59	62	19
Florida	23	7	11	5	59	83	19

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

NY Islanders 6 Montreal 3
Tampa Bay 5 New Jersey 2
Washington 4 Boston 3 (OT)
Carolina 4 Buffalo 3
Columbus 4 Edmonton 3 (SO)
Detroit 2 Colorado 1
NY Rangers 4 Philadelphia 2
Florida 4 Winnipeg 1
Chicago 5 Minnesota 3
San Jose at Vancouver
St. Louis at Los Angeles

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Toronto 4 New Jersey 2
Pittsburgh 4 Tampa Bay 3
Phoenix 5 Anaheim 4 (SO)
Los Angeles 5 Nashville 1
Winnipeg 4 Philadelphia 2
Florida 4 Winnipeg 1
Chicago 5 Minnesota 3
San Jose at Vancouver
St. Louis at Los Angeles

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern

Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
THURSDAY'S GAMES
Buffalo at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
NY Rangers at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Florida at Washington, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	23	20	0	3	75	44	43
Detroit	23	11	8	4	63	60	26
St. Louis	21	11	8	2	60	61	24
Nashville	23	9	9	5	47	59	23
Columbus	23	7	12	4	53	69	18

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	21	11	6	4	61	58	26
Minnesota	22	11	9	2	52	56	24
Edmonton	22	8	9	5	54	62	21
Calgary	20	8	8	4	57	68	20
Colorado	21	8	9	4	51	62	20

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	21	15	3	3	75	60	33
Phoenix	22	11	8	3	67	63	25
Los Angeles	20	11	7	2	54	48	24
San Jose	20	10	6	4	47	44	24
Dallas	22	11	9	2	61	63	24

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Crosby, Phg	11	25	36
Stamkos, TBL	17	17	34
Kunitz, Phg	12	16	28
Saint Louis, TBL	5	23	28
Vanek, Buf	12	15	27
Kane, Chi	11	15	26
Tavares, NYI	13	12	25
Staal, Car	12	13	25
Voracek, Phi	9	16	25
Getzlaf, Ana	8	17	25
Zetterberg, Det	6	19	25
Moulson, NYI	10	14	24
Ribeiro, Wash	7	17	24
Kadri, Tor	9	14	23
Malkin, Phg	5	18	23
Neal, Phg	14	8	22
Datsyuk, Det	8	14	22
Giroux, Phi	7	15	22
Elias, NJ	5	17	22
Thornton, SJ	4	18	22
Sedin, Van	8	13	21
Purcell, TBL	4	17	21
Sedin, Van	3	18	21
Letang, Phg	3	18	21

Note: Not including last night's games

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Design

Volkswagen's designers have done as great a job fashioning the Beetle Convertible as they did with the hatchback and have even succeeded in creating a less miniscule trunk. Just make sure you pack only the essentials. To be fair, the split-folding rear seat lets you extend the stowage area when two or three passengers are aboard.

2013 VW Beetle Convertible

- **Type.** Two-door, front-wheel-drive convertible
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I5 (170)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$30,300

Engine



The five-cylinder does a decent job at around-town speeds, but the power tends to fall off at highway velocities.

Only a single powertrain is being offered in Beetle Convertibles sold in Canada: A 170-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder. Our fortunate American cousins will also be able to select a turbo-charged 200-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder, or a 140-horsepower 2.0-litre turbo-diesel.

Roof

The soft top is triple lined on the outside and has three layers of insulation on the inside to minimize noise. Two electric motors raise and lower the top in 9.5 and 11 seconds, respectively, at vehicle speeds up to 50 km/h. The top no longer extends beyond the rear deck when folded, which makes for a much tidier appearance.

Review. Volkswagen's drop-top has arrived in all its attention grabbing glory

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When Volkswagen introduced the Beetle hatchback for the 2012 model year, you had to suspect the convertible edition was hard on its heels.

Convertible Beetles have been around since 1949, when the first rear-engine, air-cooled Type 15 was launched. VW sold more than 330,000 of them worldwide over the next 32 years, then cranked out another 235,000 New Beetle Convertibles from 2003 until the 2010 model year when it was put out to pasture.

The third-generation Beetle (the "New" is gone) Convertible that goes on sale in mid-February maintains the tradition, but in a less-retro way.

Visually, the body is slightly lower, but is now a substantial 8.5 centimetres wider and about 15 centimetres longer than the old New Beetle. That means significantly more leg and elbowroom, for both front- and rear-seat passengers. Front headroom is nearly as generous as before despite the lower profile, while rear-seat headroom actually increases slightly.

The Beetle Convertible benefits from a more rigid body architecture with 20 per cent more resistance to bending and twisting. This is helpful since convertibles don't have a roof structure to join the back and the front of the car together. The only real support is in the floor.

Base Beetle Convertibles fall under the Comfortline trim name and include most power and climate accouterments plus a set of roll bars behind the back seat that immediately pop up should a tip-over be detected. Heated front seats and leatherette seat covers are included, but beware of burning



The convertible's interior is similar to the coupe's, which is to say stylish and inviting. You no longer face acres of dashboard surface as in the previous model, since the front seats are no longer positioned near the middle of the car.

skin on hot summer days.

The High-line adds a genuine leather interior, sport bucket seats, push button start, 17-inch wheels (16s are standard) and fancier interior/exterior trim.

High-line models can also be enhanced with a 400-watt nine-speaker Fender audio system and touch-screen

navigation.

In content and usable space, the Beetle Convertible represents a giant leap forward. It's no longer a cutesy toy car, but should now resonate with performance-minded buyers who would prefer the option of bringing a few friends along to savour the open-air experience.

By comparison



1 BMW 1-series convertible
Base price: \$43,400



2 Fiat 500C
Base price: \$21,600



3 Mini Cooper convertible
Base price: \$31,000

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2008 to 2012 Honda Accord a solid ride, but watch out for brake wear

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Available in both coupe and sedan variants with several engine and transmission combinations, this generation Accord also offered features like heated leather seats, voice-commanded navigation, a sunroof, steering-wheel mounted controls, dual-zone climate control and plenty more.

Accord LX was the basic model, while EX and EX-L or EX-L Navi represented mid-range and top-line, respectively.

Common Issues

Thousands of owners have complained of premature brake component wear, so feel for any pulsation and listen for any squealing during light to moderate brake application. Be sure to have the brakes inspected on any used Accord you're considering, or budget for brake job and service.

Oil consumption is another well-documented issue with this generation of Honda Accord, and especially those with the V6 engine and automatic transmission. Every engine



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will "use" some oil between oil changes, but shoppers are advised to check the oil in the model they're considering (while the engine is cold) to ensure it's fresh and full.

Listen for a whine or hum from the power steering pump while you steer at a low speed, or while stopped. If any unusual noise is noted, it's likely caused by a faulty o-ring, which allows air to enter the system. This is a relatively easy fix.

Engine



Four-cylinder VTEC engines displaced 2.4 litres and generated 177 or 190 horsepower, depending on the model. The available 3.5 litre V6 offered 268 horsepower. Manual or automatic transmissions were available on all powerplants, depending on the model.

What owners like



On-board storage space, fuel economy and overall comfort were typically cited as key purchase factors by owners. Intuitive controls and a safe, solid road feel were also noted.

What owners dislike



Common complaints include cheap interior materials, uncomfortable and stiff seats, the lack of a manual mode on the automatic transmission and bland styling

Verdict

Largely, it looks like the Accord is one of the most reliable, no-nonsense vehicles in today's used market. Buy confidently if the model you're considering shows none of the common issues and has a thumbs-up from a mechanic during a pre-purchase inspection.

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Since teens tend to be more tech-savvy than older drivers, they may have a false sense of security about multi-tasking on the road. ISTOCK

Tickets don't stop teens from distracted driving

Driving Force. Safety biggest deterrent, while fines would only stop 7 per cent, poll finds

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Cars are safer today than they've ever been, but drivers aren't necessarily so. Car crashes are the number one cause of death among Canadian teenagers and recent statistics indicate that distracted driving is a factor in as many as 20 to 80 per cent of all collisions.

"We're targeting teens at anything to do with distracted driving," says Carmine Venditti, agency manager for Allstate Insurance Canada. "We list such things as eating, texting, speaking on the phone or putting on makeup while driving. These are things that are not keeping you focused on the road."

In a recent online poll, Allstate found that while 94 per cent of those responding said they were aware they could be charged for distracted driving,

most of them cited safety as the main reason for staying off the phone and focusing on driving. Only seven per cent said that the threat of a ticket was the real deterrent.

Some 89 per cent of high school students polled, age 13 to 17, also said they would voice concern if they were riding in a vehicle and the driver was distracted.

"It's difficult to be age-specific, but we're seeing a lot more distracted driving at a younger age level," Venditti says. "The numbers drop somewhat as the age group gets older, but distracted driving is happening to adults too. What we saw was that the teenagers are bringing this over to their parents, and we're hearing, 'I see my dad doing this, and I tell him not to do it.'"

One problem, according to Venditti, is that younger drivers are usually more tech-savvy and for them, texting while they're doing something else isn't all that difficult. "Multi-tasking is something that's easy for them, and they think they can text and drive," she says. "People say they won't do it, but it's difficult to know if they will. The

Distracted driving facts

Numerous studies show that it's the call, not the device, that diverts focus from driving. Both hand-held and hands-free phone calls contribute to more driving errors, slower reaction times and more collisions.

- Passengers aren't as distracting as phone calls, since they tend to stop talking in stressful situations, or make drivers aware of potential problems on the road.
- Drivers on phone calls tend to drive slower overall, but those on hand-held phones slow down more than those on hands-free. Studies show that texting while driving is more dangerous than making a call.

legislation isn't scaring them, so we're hoping they'll understand the impact and the consequences on them and their families."

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The Chevrolet SS: It's about time

Auto Pilot. It's been 17 long years since Chevy released a model like this



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At last weekend's big NASCAR race in Daytona, Chevrolet officially unveiled its newest sedan, the 2013 Chevrolet SS.

When it arrives in dealerships at the end of the year, it will be the first time in 17 years that Chevrolet will offer a rear-drive V8-powered sedan in North America.

Hallelujah

I guess I have a soft spot for Chevrolet rear-drive V8 sedans, because they were what my father drove during the 1970s, when I was a very impressionable and car-needy teenager. He taught me to drive in his 1971 Chev-



The 2014 Chevrolet SS, and its NASCAR Sprint Cup equivalent, both made their official debuts at last weekend's Daytona 500. SUBMITTED

rolet Impala.

Good on Chevrolet for realizing that the brand needs to have at least one of these beasts in its catalogue. People yearn for them, it's part of Chevrolet's heritage, and it corrects that strained NASCAR visual universe,

where Chevrolet-based NASCAR teams have been covering their ferocious rear-drive V8 racecars with body shells based on Impala stylings. The Impala has been a neutered, front-drive V6 sedan since 2000.

No coincidence that the

NASCAR Chevrolet SS race car also debuted at the Daytona race. And right on script, five-time series champion Jimmie Johnson, in the No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet SS, took home the checkered flag.

The Chevrolet SS also upholds the "SS" designa-

tion with pride and purpose. (The brand has traditionally reserved those letters to designate high-performance Chevys.) The new SS will be motivated by essentially the same, newly-engineered 6.2-litre small-block V8 used in the 2013 Corvette — good

From Oz

- The SS uses a derivative of the rear-drive platform under Camaro, a platform initially developed by Holden, GM's subsidiary in Australia.
- Holden will build the SS in Australia, and ship them to us here in North America. But don't expect a lot of them to be built.

for 415-hp and 415 lb-ft of torque. The only transmission is a six-speed automatic with manual shifters mounted on the steering wheel.

Rear-drive V8 sedans were once ubiquitous. Now they are premium pieces, which is the way they should be I guess. Not too many of us need that much engine. But as we've seen time and time again, when it comes to automobile love, or any kind of love for that matter, need has nothing to do with it.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

There is no point complaining if you are forced to do something against your will today because it won't make any difference. Anyway, why would you complain when it will work in your favour?

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may be practical and methodical by nature but don't immerse yourself in details too deeply today or you may lose sight of the wider picture — a picture that looks brighter by the moment.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you have ambitions to be someone important then this is clearly a make or break time. It won't just happen as if by magic, of course, but it will happen if you are determined to make it happen. Get busy.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

A friend is opposing you only because they genuinely believe they are acting in your best interests. Inform them that you are the one who decides what your interests are, though be polite about it.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Cut back on your workload over the next few days, even if it means you earn less than before. Don't worry that you won't be able to make ends meet. You should know by now that fate usually provides.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If there is a project that needs completing, now is the time to make that extra effort. If there is a relationship that needs rescuing, now is the time to kiss and make up.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It seems you are weighed down by domestic chores. Fortunately, beneficial events over the next two days will lighten your load and free up time for more enjoyable things. Love is in the air.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Keep your plans under wraps so no one has the chance to steal your ideas. One of the most creative times of the year will begin quite soon, so it's OK to put your own needs first.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If you allow your emotions to get the better of you today then squabbles are inevitable, but if you refuse to give in to negative emotions then you will sail through the day with ease. The choice is yours.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Think before you speak today but don't hold back once you have decided what you want to say. Not everyone will be happy with your observations but what matters is that you call it as you see it.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Resist the urge to splash out on things you don't really want or need. Impulse buying will deplete your resources faster than you thought possible, so let someone else hold the purse strings.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

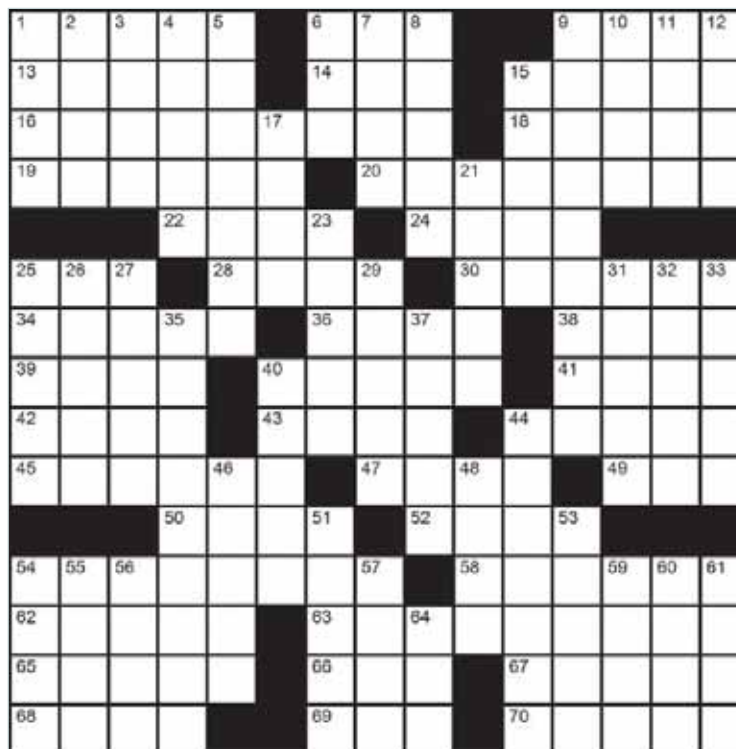
It's time to start something that delights you. It does not matter what your work or family responsibilities may be you must make time for what you enjoy.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Drinks at ice cream parlors
- Wanna-__ (Aspirants)
- Steve __ (Anti-apartheid activist portrayed in 1987 film "Cry Freedom")
- __ of faith
- Keyboard key
- Practical joke
- Prime Minister William Lyon __ King
- __ mortis
- Tempt
- Its motto is Gloriosus et Liber
- Not yet final, at law
- Peru's capital
- 'Violin' suffix
- Engrave
- Newfoundland town with an international airport
- Swimming spots
- Go backpacking
- Biblical peak
- Guess Who's "Hang __ Your Life"
- __-Tracy, Quebec
- Rick's 1942 film beloved
- God: French
- Train: Spanish
- "Bolero" composer
- Writer
- Singer Ms. Brickell
- Stop
- Walk on ice, do this
- J.R.R. Tolkien creatures
- Vancouver band, __ Trench
- Painter or sculptor



- '80s TV series, "The __"
- Bigfoot
- Absurd
- Poetic contraction
- Magazine installment
- Kinks song
- English cathedral city
- Herb kind

Down

- Broadway Auntie
- Mr. Thicke (Actor born in Kirkland Lake, Ontario)
- Univ. professor's speech
- "__ Care of Business" by BTO
- Charles Darwin's On the Origin of __
- Director Mr. Luhrmann
- __ round (Part of a tournament)
- Be a thief
- Royal Yacht __ (Yacht that Queen Elizabeth used)
- Character in Shakespeare's Othello
- Dresser drawer attach-

- ment
- Ingredient in Cajun cooking
- __ ballerina
- Savings = __ egg
- Mr. Lythgoe, "American Idol" executive producer
- Blood of ancient Greek gods
- Apple music players
- Type of boom
- Bag carrier
- New employee
- __ into (Do investigative work)
- Buddy of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- Willy Wonka creator Mr. Dahl
- American state with Acadian ancestry
- The Way of the Sword, martial art of Japan
- American writer Gertrude
- Military enlistee
- Point a finger at
- Baghdad's locale
- Use glue
- Hidden hoard
- Canada Post stuff
- __ time (Never): 2 wds.
- Authentic
- Navigate
- __-bitsy
- Soap __ (Bathroom cleanser's target)
- You, Shakespeare-style
- Mr. Stallone, nicknamed

Yesterday's Crossword

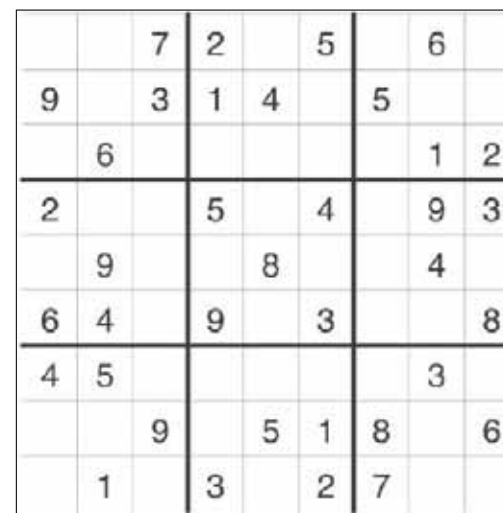


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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY



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THURSDAY



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MIN: -11°

FRIDAY



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MIN: -6°

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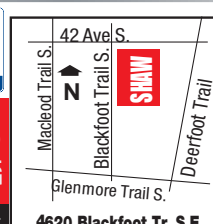
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